

simulcasting, kick them in the behind, say, go do your job, do it well, you've got our trust, you've got our hopes, do a good job, get it done, and if you can't get it done, at least you can't say that it wasn't...it was because the state didn't hear your story and the state refused to help you. We're going to help you out. This is an important bill, it's an important vote. It's not just important for Omaha, it's not just important for Douglas County, it's important for every other city that's got a track, it's important for our agricultural societies, it's important for our state fair, and, unfortunately, it is important for our tourist industry and for our health. Now let's see what we can do with this bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is, shall LB 467 be advanced to E & R Engrossing? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. On the advancement of the bill. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 11 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 467 is advanced. Anything for the record?

CLERK: Nothing at this time, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: That being the case, let's move to the next bill on General File, 656.

CLERK: Mr. President, 656 was a bill introduced by Senators Goodrich and Elmer. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 23, referred to the Education Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File, Mr. President. I have Education Committee amendments pending.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Chairman Withem on the Education Committee amendments.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body. LB 656 was a bill brought, initially, to us by Senator Glenn Goodrich. The purpose of the bill would have been to place within the Board of Regents the option of maintaining or not maintaining the College of Technical...School of Technical Agriculture at Curtis. It is repealing a specific provision in the statute which provides for the maintenance of this building. The committee, by a 5 to 3 vote, voted to add an amendment to the bill which states that the Legislature shall appropriate